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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/26/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/26/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/26/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/26/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/26/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/26/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/26/2005
- Specification filed on 09/26/2005
- Claims filed on 09/26/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/26/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/26/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$360** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath

or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$490** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$ 360**
  - **\$360** for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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SERIAL NO.:	10/550,706	EXAMINER:	Not yet assigned
FILING DATE:	N/A	CONFIRMATION:	4128
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**RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE**

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on December 7, 2006, enclosed is the Oath and Declaration of the inventors. Since inventor Helmuth Packes is now deceased, Applicants have enclosed a Certificate of Inheritance and its English translation to show proof of the authorization of Brigitte Barbara Maria Lausberg (decedent's spouse) and Patrick Packes (decedent's son) to sign on Helmuth Packes' behalf, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.64.

Applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment on September 26, 2005 to cancel any multiple dependent claims along with the initial filing of this application. As a result, Applicant believes there is no multiple dependent claim fees due in connection to this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney Deposit Account No. 16-2500 the amount of \$130.00 for payment of the late Oath or Declaration filing fee and the amount of \$2160 for a petition for a five month extension of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Attorney Deposit Account 16-2500 for any additional fees that may be due in this matter.

To complete the filing requirements, Applicant is enclosing a copy of an Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form, a Certificate of Inheritance and English translation of the Certificate of Inheritance, together with a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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